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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 16 May 1969

DD/I noted the requirement to form an <u>ad hoc</u> group following yesterday's USIB meeting on Agenda Item 3, <u>Classification and Dissemination of Intelligence Information on Significant Weapons/Space Developments</u>. A discussion followed on who might best chair this group, and no decision was made.

DD/I noted the confusion in the White House and PFIAB staffs over the existence of an earlier requirement for PFIAB to undertake an interim threat assessment.

Godfrey forecast an active weekend in Vietnam, with a possible surge of enemy activity concurrent with Ho Chi Minh's birthday on Monday.

D/ONE reported that he anticipates no NIE next week and noted that the maritime paper (NIE 11-10-69) has been delayed because of the requirement to enlarge its coverage.

Carver seconded Godfrey's forecast of increased terrorist activity this weekend. He also noted plans to test the replacement of Roadwatch teams with PRAIRIE FIRE.

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Maury highlighted yesterday's session with Senator Murphy, and a discussion followed on the questions which the Senator raised.

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Maury noted the advisability of providing the new information on SS-9s to selected individuals on the Hill. The Director concurred in his suggestion that Senator Stennis be informed through Ed Braswell and Congressman Rivers through Russ Blandford.

The Director asked Maury to arrange an appointment for him with Senator Proxmire next week.

DD/I commented that they reviewed the Foster transcript which was flagged for the Director's attention by Senator Symington and found no real problems with it.
DD/S&T noted that two North Vietnamese SR-71 missions were aborted twice yesterday.
The Director noted that Ambassador Henry Byroade is under active consideration as the next Ambassador to the Philippines.
The Director briefed on yesterday's joint Cabinet/NSC meeting. He noted that President Nixon had occasion to tell the group that the Agency is highly professional and spoke of our good work.
L. K. White

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